



PATENT

Our Docket: P-ZA 5015

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Maurizio Zanetti

Serial No. 10/030,003

U.S. Entry: October 24, 2001

For: SOMATIC TRANSGENE
IMMUNIZATION AND
RELATED METHODS

) Group Art Unit: 1646

) Examiner: Not Yet Known

) I hereby certify that this correspondence is
) being deposited with the United States
) Postal Service as first class mail in an
) envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents,
) Washington, D.C. 20231, on July 31, 2002.

By 
Deborah L. Cadena, Reg. No. 44,048

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 31, 2002
Date of Signature

Sir:

RECEIVED

AUG 06 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

This is the U.S. national stage of international application PCT/US00/11372, filed April 27, 2000. The cover page of the WO publication is attached as Exhibit A.

When the PCT application was filed, the Applicant claimed priority to U.S. application Ser. 09/300,959, filed April 27, 1999. See Exhibit A, item (30).

In addition, the United States was designated with the further indication "continuation-in-part" to reserve the right for the PCT application to be treated as a continuation-in-part of the priority application. See Exhibit A, item (63).

Inventor: Maurizio Zanetti
Serial No. 10/030,003
Filed: October 24, 2001
Page 2

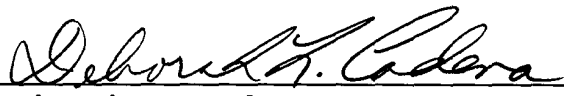
The Applicant hereby amends the application so that it is **not a continuation-in-part application**, and should not be treated as such under PCT Rule 4.14. Nevertheless, the Applicant expressly maintains the priority claim to U.S. application Ser. 09/300,959 under PCT Rule 4.10 and PCT Article 8(1).

Accordingly, a patent issuing from this application will have a 20-year patent term based on the international filing date of April 27, 2000.

The Examiner is invited to call Cathryn Campbell or the undersigned attorney with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

July 31, 2002
Date


Deborah L. Cadena
Registration No. 44,048
Telephone No. (858) 535-9001
Facsimile No. (858) 535-8949

CAMPBELL & FLORES LLP
4370 La Jolla Village Drive, 7th Floor
San Diego, California 92122
USPTO CUSTOMER NO. 23601